

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Jer. 17: 5-8; Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15: 12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Saturday 15th February 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Stephanie Rebecca Kerins and Dudley Family RIP (Foy)	Sunday 16th February 2025 8:00am: Holy Rosary 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Alex and Carol Rees married 50 years (Galibardy)
Mon. 17th Feb. 2025 (Feria) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Bridget Antony RIP	Tues. 18th Feb. 2025 (Feria) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Colin Michael RIP (D'Cruze)
Weds. 19th Feb. 2025 (Feria) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Patrick Aikens RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Jackie Santo RIP (LSU)	Thurs. 20th Feb. 2025 (Feria) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Marie Enarhome Intentions
Fri. 21st February 2025 (Feria) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE Saturday 22nd February 2025 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
1 Sam. 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps. 102; 1 Cor. 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38

Saturday 22nd February 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Darren Thomas RIP (T. Bolger)	Sunday 23rd February 2025 8:00am: Holy Rosary 8:30am: Varkey Antony RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

William and Emily Field, Terence Picking, Teresa Lynch, Josef Michael Baker, Angelina Adoh, Patrick Connolly, Christopher Delieu, Catherine McSweeney, Bert Kemp, Geraldine Cascarini, Elizabeth Gohery, Dennis Hughes, Christine Florence Hand, Mary Bridget Tobin, Maureen Saunders.


HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD.

We place all our trust in the resurrection of Christ. If our hope in Him had been for this life only then we are the most unfortunate of all people. Christ is risen from the dead and this is the source of our happiness. In Him we put our trust and ask for nothing more.



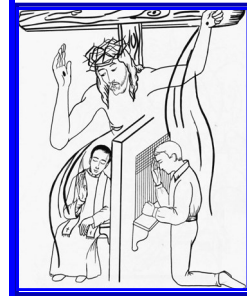
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He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said:



"Blessed are you who are poor: for yours is the kingdom of God."

Luke 6: 20



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -
SATURDAYS 5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER THE CHURCH IS OPEN, and ON REQUEST

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 8TH/9TH FEBRUARY 2025:

Gift Aid: £271.50; Card: £20; Loose Plate: £233.97 ATTENDANCE: 206
Building Fund: Gift Aid: £289.50; Card: £20; Loose Cash: £142.92
Thank you for your financial support of the Mission of your Parish, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for **RACIAL JUSTICE.**

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote Racial Justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use

one of the Square Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door.

Next weekend: for THE **CLERGY SUPPORT FUND.**

This collection enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for Clergy in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people. Donations ensure a dignified retirement for all of our Priests.

Gift Aiders should use the Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes provided for this collection

Please add your Gift Aid number. Your donation cannot be allocated to the Gift Aid Scheme if your Gift Aid number is not on the envelope.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

The Beatitudes are such a familiar part of the Gospel that when we hear them read during the Liturgy we can easily miss their meaning.

The message they contain may take a lifetime to learn, but unless we take it to heart there will be no entry into the kingdom of heaven. They explain how to spend this life in order to attain everlasting happiness in heaven. Following Christ is not meant to be easy and it is a challenge we must face every day.

There is more to life than superficial passing things.

We are created to share God's joy, and anything that calls us away from this goal is not good for us.

**THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE CRAYS:
22ND FEBRUARY 2025**

“JESUS CHRIST IS TRULY PRESENT IN OUR CHURCHES.

Churches are places where the members of Christ congregate to pray together. We find Jesus there too, since *where two or more are gathered in His Name, there He is in the midst of them.* (See Matt. 18:20) Above all, Our Lord is **truly and substantially Present in the Most Holy Eucharist.** He is Present both in His Divinity and in His Most Holy Humanity, with His Body and Soul, and He sees us and hears us. There Christ nurtures us from the Tabernacle as He used to care one by one for those *from all cities and villages.* (see Mark 6:32) We can present Him with our deepest desires to love Him more and more with each passing day, and entrust Him with our preoccupations, our difficulties and our weaknesses. **We should cultivate a profound reverence for our church ... SINCE THE LORD AWAITS US THERE.”**

(In conversation with God, Vol. 7 Francis Fernandez, pp 251).

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club are holding for your enjoyment a **DVD HORSE RACE EVENING** on **SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2025.**

A fun evening for all the family with children especially welcome.

No entry fee with doors open at 7.30pm and the first race under starters orders at 8pm. 50p Tote bets with cash payout to winning bets. Why not own and name a horse for £3 with the winning horse receiving £12, or sponsor and name a race for £10. Look out for a committee member after Mass to name a horse or sponsor a race, or both, or enquire at the bar.

All proceeds go to the Parish.

We look forward to seeing you there.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 6th April 2025. £799.00pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact: 01268 762 278 or: 07740 175 557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE HELP:

Retrouvaille is a program dedicated to healing and renewing marriages which offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. If your marriage needs a fresh start, please reach out to us. Help is available. If you and your spouse are committed to making your marriage work and are prepared to give it your best effort, we invite you to give this programme a try. Places available for end of February & beginning of March. For information www.Retrouvaille.org.uk and to book or tel. 07887 296 983.

PALMS FOR ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring in your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday so that we might burn them and create the **Ashes for Ash Wednesday: 5th March 2025.**

**THRIFTY
THREADS**

Saturday
22nd February,
7pm
St. John Vianney,
Bexleyheath

Social evening and refreshments, grab a few bargains and make new friends. Money raised goes to Charity, Age Exchange

PODCASTS

(www.cbcew.org.uk)

Full of Grace: praying the Hail Mary in different languages

The God Who Speaks

(www.godwhospeaks.uk)

Reading John in Lent: During the weekdays and Saturdays of Lent, daily podcasts from the Gospel of John.

Reading Acts in Easter: Listen to the 'Acts of the Apostles' read throughout the season of Easter.

At the Foot of the Cross is a monthly podcast bringing you the latest news, project updates, events, prayer and more.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bernard Gummett, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Mick Buttifant, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO,
WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**